

SENATE BILL NO. 182

BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND CROWE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:405, relative to offenses affecting law enforcement; to prohibit certain
3 inmates from establishing an account on any Internet-based social networking
4 website; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:405 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§405. Unlawful establishment of accounts on Internet-based social networking**
8 **websites by inmates**

9 **A. It shall be unlawful for any offender who is incarcerated and who is**
10 **sentenced to the legal custody of the Department of Public Safety and**
11 **Corrections to establish or maintain an account on any Internet-based, social**
12 **networking website.**

13 **B. "Social networking website" means an Internet-based website that**
14 **has any of the following capabilities:**

15 **(1) Allows users to create web pages or profiles about themselves that**
16 **are available to the general public or to any other users.**

17 **(2) Offers a mechanism for communication among users, such as a**
18 **forum, chat room, electronic mail, or instant messaging.**

19 **C. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined**
20 **not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days,**
21 **or both.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: